

13 NPCC women made ASPs

THIRTEEN women are among 78 National Police Cadet Corps (NPCC) officers who have been promoted to the rank of assistant superintendent of police. Their promotions, which took effect from Dec. 1 last year, was announced by the police on Tuesday.

They are: Mrs. Helen Tan Toh Keng (MacPherson Secondary School); Miss Siah Shing Shan (Monk's Hill Secondary School); Mrs. Goh Sew Lan (Crescent Girls' Secondary School); Mrs. Low Woon Ying (Raffles Girls' Secondary School); Miss Tan Lay Cheng (Bukit Ho Swee Secondary School); Madam Chin Chu Pen (Bukit Ho Swee Secondary School); Madam Seow May Yong (St. Nicholas Girls' High School); Madam Sadiyah Osman (Changkat Changi Secondary School); Mrs. Veronica Siah (Crescent Girls' Secondary School); Madam Lim Woon Ming (Sin Min High School); Miss Lee Hwee Hoon (Serangoon Garden Secondary School); Mrs. Salmah Ashari (Buona Vista Secondary School); Madam Tan Chit Neo (First Toa Payoh Secondary School).

Mystery red haze and orange sun over Singapore

A REDDISH haze hung over the eastern and southern parts of Singapore and Johore Baru yesterday, causing the sun to appear an orange hue and mystifying several people.

The haze was noticed over a large area, including the airport, MacPherson Road, Upper Serangoon Road, Toa Payoh, Bukit Timah and city areas.

The Straits Times switchboard was jammed with calls in the morning by members of the public inquiring about the haze over their areas.

One housewife reported that a large brown cloud was over her Dunearn Road house and that her car was covered with ash.

A Meteorological Office spokesman attributed the haze to smoke and ash particles from a fire in the Kota Tinggi area of Johore.

The fire was first detected over the Met radar at the airport at 10.20 a.m.

"It appears to be a big fire," the spokesman said.

He said the prevailing north-north-west wind had blown the smoke towards the airport and city areas.

Visibility

Visibility at ground level in city centre areas was not affected. Visibility at the airport from 10.20 a.m. to 5 p.m. was recorded at slightly over 10 kilometres instead of the normal 20 to 30 kilometres.

However, incoming and outgoing air traffic continued as usual.

When contacted at 4 p.m., the spokes-

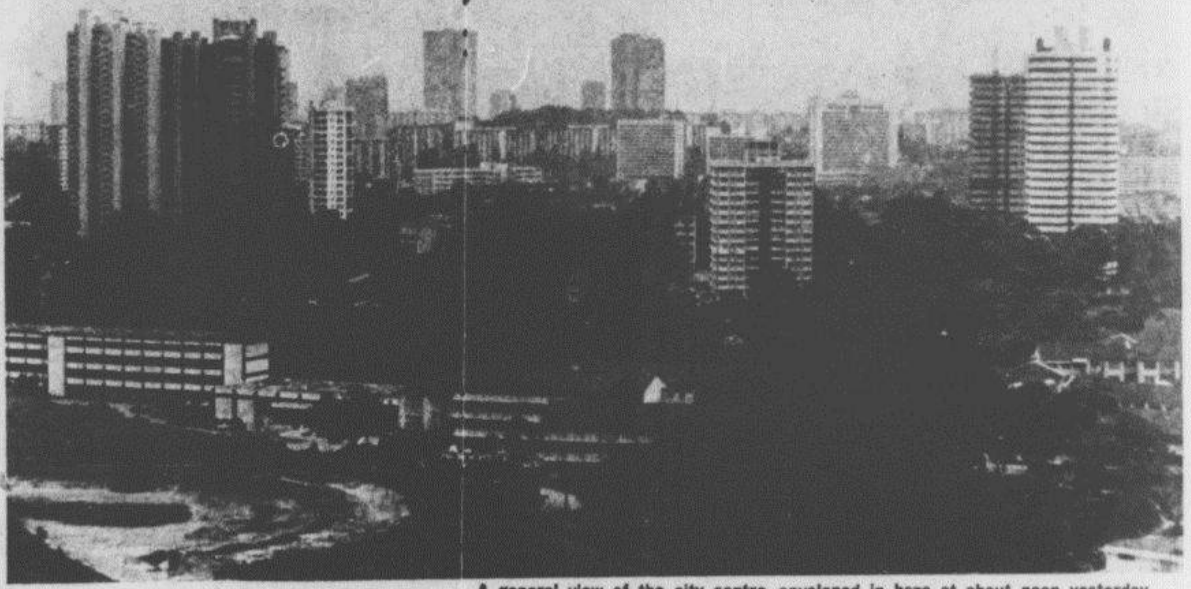
man said the fire had disappeared from the radar screen at about 1.30 p.m.

A Fire Brigade spokesman in Johore Baru said the clouds could have appeared smoky because of jungle clearing work in the Johore-Tenggara land development scheme or other land schemes in Kota Tinggi or Johore Baru district.

Normally, jungle clearing involves burning large quantities of wood.

The spokesman said the clouds would appear hazy if there was a lot of smoke from burning portions of jungle land.

There were no reports of any forest fire, according to the Fire Brigade and police operation room including the one at Kota Tinggi police station.



A general view of the city centre enveloped in haze at about noon yesterday.

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'Upturn in economy by end of year'

By WEE LIAN CHONG

SINGAPORE's economic upturn will be accomplished by the end of the year, according to Mr. Harold Crawford, vice-president for South and South-east Asia of the International Executive Service Corps.

Mr. Crawford said in an interview with the Straits Times yesterday: "I have strong confidence that Singapore's economic upturn will be accomplished towards the end of 1975."

"Singapore has always taken long-range measures to solve its economic problems."

"The dynamic energy of the people of Singapore and the support given to the planning of the Government are the reasons why I feel Singapore will succeed."

"Singapore will always seize factors in its favour to go ahead."

Mr. Crawford is here with his wife for a week's stay.



MR. CRAWFORD "...dynamic energy and planning"

Progress

He arrived on Wednesday after touring Korea, Taiwan, Hongkong, the Philippines, Thailand, Indonesia and Malaysia, to assess the progress of IESC projects.

"All the countries I've visited are realistically facing up to the problems of inflation, the energy crisis and unemployment and are continuing their development programmes," he said.

Mr. Crawford met the Communications Minister, Mr. Yong Nyuk Lin, yesterday when they discussed former ministry projects in which the IESC had assisted.

He will meet the Finance Minister, Mr. Hon Sul Sen on Monday to review IESC programmes in Singapore.

"I would like to seek his advice and guidance as to how we can further help Singapore."

Mr. John Chandler, the IESC director of operations for Singapore, said that for this year, he had already received 28 applications for IESC volunteer advisers.

"I have just developed a project to provide a public and industrial safety expert for the National Safety First Council for four months from April," said Mr. Chandler.

The IESC is a non-profit-making organisation which recruits mainly retired American businessmen and industry specialists to serve as volunteer advisers to enterprises in the developing nations. It has been functioning in Singapore since 1968.

Chan who was injured and admitted to Outram Hospital. His condition was reported to be satisfactory.

Chettiar officials

MR. SP. N. Nachappa Chettiar has been elected president of the Chettiar's (Madrass) Chamber of Commerce.

Other officials are: Mr. K.M.K.N. Kannappa Chettiar, vice-president; Mr. R.M. V.R. Ram. Palaniappa Chettiar, secretary; Mr. A.R. S. A.R. Subbalingappa Chettiar, assistant secretary and Mr. R.M. V. S. K.P. Karuppal Chettiar, treasurer.

84 accidents

THERE were 84 accidents, four serious, on Wednesday.

S'pore trade team to Russia

SINGAPORE will send a trade mission, comprising 15 to 17 members, to the Soviet Union, Hungary, Poland and Yugoslavia in April.

Members of the mission, organised by the Trade Department of the Finance Ministry, will include Government officials, representatives from Intraco, Singapore Manufacturers Association, the joint chambers of commerce, and exporters.

This was disclosed on Monday by the president of the Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Tan Keong Choon.

Mr. Tan said the mission was aimed at promoting friendship, foster closer links and study the trade conditions in these countries.

The mission will try to sell Singapore manufactured goods to them and buy machinery and hardware.

Since those countries were well-known for their machinery and hardware, the department had invited members of the chamber who dealt with those products to join the mission, he said.

Essay contest to mark women's year

THE International Planned Parenthood Federation (South and South-east Asia and Oceania Region (IPPF-ESEAO)) is organising a regional essay writing contest on the theme, Young Women and Family Planning, for International Women's Year.

Entries should be in English and about 2,000 to 2,500 words in length.

The contest is open to those up to 25 years of age in only for nationals of IPPF member countries in the East, South-east Asia and Oceania region.

Entries close on March 31. Essays should be sent to the IPPF-ESEAO, 245 Jalan Aljunied, Singapore, Peninsular Malaysia.

Falling rod kills worker

A BUILDING construction worker, Low Keng Wah, 39, died instantly when an iron rod fell on his head in Chulia Street yesterday.

Police said Low and another worker, Chan Siew Cheng, 32, were working on an uncompleted building when the accident occurred at 8.40 a.m.

Chan who was injured and admitted to Outram Hospital. His condition was reported to be satisfactory.

Daniel Admi

RODNEY SLATFORD, Britain's leading double bass player (English Chamber Orchestra and Academy of St. Martin-in-the-Fields) accompanied by CLIFFORD LEE in a lecture on the double bass.

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Firm wins contract for TAS extension

MESSRS. Wong Sik Toong has been awarded a \$2.13 million contract to extend the workshop and garage of the Telecommunications Authority of Singapore in Kim Chuan Road.

The extensions, undertaken by the Public Works Department, will include five buildings of which three blocks will be air-conditioned two-storey workshops.

The fourth block will house several workshops, staff canteen and kitchen and the fifth block, a garage and motor servicing facilities.

A septic tank and a PUB substation will be built as part of the complex. Construction is expected to be completed in October.

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